Central Electricity Authority (CEA) accord of techno-economic clearance on 31.1.1997.

No power project proposal for the te of Maharashtra has been accorded hno-economic clearance by the Central ctricity Authority during the last one r.

c) and (d) Do not arise.

ocedure for finalising the Transmission Projects

70. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be ased to state:

a) whether Government have worked the details on the power tariff issue the procedure for finalising the smission projects;

b) if so, the details thereof; and

c) if not, the reasons therefor and by n it is proposed to be finalised?

HE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE NISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. NUGOPALACHARI): (a) to (c) sequent upon the amendments to the an Electricity Act, 1910 and the tricity (Supply) Act, 1948, through Electricity Laws (Amendment) linance, 1997, recognising transmission a distinct activity and providing for c of transmission licenses, a nmittee of Experts has been set up by Ministry of Power on 17.2.1997 to ke recommendations relating to iblishment of a suitable administrative financial framework alongwith porting legal enablements to facilitate vate investment in transmission jects. The Committee has been cted, inter alia, to suggest guidelines determination of transmission tariff(s) formulation of transmission service cements. The Committee has also n asked to review the existing ngements for planning and approval transmission projects and suggest modalities for issue of transmission licenses and the principles for bid solicitation and evaluation. The Committee is to submit its final report to the Ministry of Power within two months from the date of its first sitting.

Extra supply of electricity to the Karnataka SEB

671. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a 10% rise was made in the supply of electricity to the Karnataka State Electricity Board from the Central pool and at the same time the supply to Kerala was reduced by 5%; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The allocation of unallocated power at the disposal of the Central Government is done to the beneficiary States of the Region depending on the relative shortage from time to time to take care of the seasonal and other variation in load demand.

Power Transmission by Private Sector

672. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have opened the power transmission sector to the private enterprises;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the basic objective behind this measure; and

(c) how this would improve the transmission and distribution losses in the power sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) The Indian Electricity Act, 1910 and the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 have been amended through the Electricity Laws